

# YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



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#### **MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

#### **Hours:**

Monday to Friday 8:30am -4:30pm

#### Closed:

Saturday/Sunday and Stat Holidays

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo PO Box 370 Fort Chipewyan, AB TOP 1B0

**Ph**: (780) 697-3600 **Fax**: (780) 697-3881

**Pulse Line:** (780)743-7000

#### **ARCHIE SIMPSON ARENA &**

#### FITNESS ROOM

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8:30am - 4:30pm

#### **Fitness Room Hours:**

Monday to Sunday 9:00am—10:00pm Stat Holidays: CLOSED

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo PO Box 343 Fort Chipewyan, AB TOP 1B0

Facility Bookings—780-697-3600

#### **Youth Centre Hours**

Monday to Friday: 3:05-10:00pm Saturday : 2:00-10:00pm

CLOSED Sunday & Stat Holidays

Ph: (780) 697-3829

\*New Hours Effective April 14th\* Monday to Friday 3:05-8:00PM Saturday 1:00PM-8:00PM CLOSED Sundays & STAT Holidays

#### **Aquatic Centre Hours:**

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED Wednesday-Saturday: 1:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday:

9:00am-4:00pm

Stat Holidays: CLOSED Ph: 780-697-0196







For updates on Rural Happenings like our page on Facebook!

Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!







# **Need Animal Control or Bylaw Services?**

Do you want to report a problem?

Do you have bylaw-related questions?

Call Pulse at **780-743-7000** (or toll free **1-800-973-9663**) and someone will help you.



# Census 2025

# **April 1- June 30, 2025**

The Municipality is launching the 2025 Municipal Census on April 1.

The main purpose of Census 2025 is to produce a population count which helps the RMWB, and its many community partners, including the business and social-profit sectors plan for the services that make Wood Buffalo a place to proudly live, work and explore.

Participating in census is easy; there are several ways to count yourself in.

#### Online

Residents have multiple convenient ways to complete the 2025 municipal census, with the online option being especially quick and easy! Residents will receive their personal identification number (PIN) letters by regular mail, each containing a unique PIN located in the top-right corner, specific to their household.

To complete the census, go to rmwb.ca/census where you'll find a direct link to the census portal.

#### Enumerators will be in your neighbourhood soon

In certain rural communities, enumerators will also offer instant enumeration when delivering PIN letters. Enumerators will be wearing RMWB branded T-shirts and hats along with badges to identify them as census workers.

#### Call Pulse to complete the census by phone

Residents can also complete their census by phone by contacting Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663. Pulse will connect you with the census team, who are available to assist with any questions, help retrieve your PIN and even complete the enumeration process over the phone.



## **Community Policing - presentations available**

The Wood Buffalo Community Policing Unit has a great list of presentations they can bring to communities when requested.

#### **Available presentations**

- A Career in the RCMP Gr 7-Adult
- ATV Safety Gr 10-Adult
- Being a Good Citizen ECDP-Gr 6
- Being a Mountie ECDP-Gr 6
- Bicycle Safety ECDP-Gr 6
- Bullying (includes Cyberbullying) ECDP-Gr 9
- Consent Gr 7-Adult
- Crime Scene Investigations ECDP-Adult
- Drug Awareness
  - For Teens (cannabis, alcohol, vaping and opioid awareness) Gr 7-12
  - For Adults (includes clandestine drug labs, methamphetamines, opioids)
- Fraud & Identity Theft Adult
- Halloween Safety ECDP-Gr 6
- History of the Force Gr 4-Adult
- Online Safety (includes Cyberbullying) ECDP-Gr 6
- Online Safety (include Cyberbullying, Social Media & the Law) Gr 7-Adult
- Personal Safety ECDP-Adult
- Police & Canadian Law (for New Canadians) Gr 10-Adult
- Property Crime Prevention Adult
- Restorative Justice Gr 9-Adult
- Senior Safety Adult
- Sexting Gr 7-Adult
- Traffic
  - Impaired Driving (Alcohol & Drugs) Gr 9-Adult
  - Distracted Driving Gr 9-Adult
  - Winter Driving Gr 9-Adult
- Unhealthy Relationships/Dating Violence Gr 7-Adult
- Youth Criminal Justice Act Gr 7-Adult

#### Want a presentation?

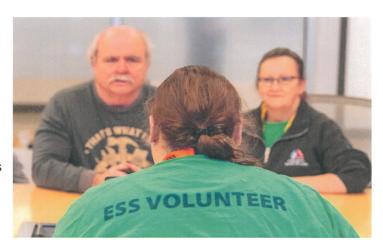
Contact us if you'd like a presentation for your group, class or community at <u>communitypolicing@rmwb.ca</u> or call 780-788-4040 and ask for the Community Policing Coordinator.



# Step up in an emergency

Be the Helping Hand When It Matters Most -Volunteer with the Emergency Social Services team

Join a team that helps residents during an emergency or disaster.



- Build your knowledge, confidence, and experience.
- No experience required. Training will be provided.

#### RMWB.ca/ESSVolunteer

For more information call:

- 780-743-7000
- Toll Free 1-800-973-9663



#### What we do:

Emergency Social Services helps people during large emergencies or incidents in the Municipality.

#### Who we are:

Volunteers, community partners, and municipal employees who work together under the Emergency Management Branch of Regional Emergency Services.





# Join the Volunteer Fire Department

We need paid on-call members!



#### What we do:

We respond to fire emergencies, helping people and protecting property.

#### Who you are:

Reliable and dedicated - with time for weekly training and the ability to respond

#### Learn more:

Call 780-743-7000 (toll free 1-800-973-9663) and someone from the fire department will contact you.





#### What is it?

- A voluntary program that offers a safe, respectful way to promote healing after harm has occurred.
- Allows offenders to take responsibility for their actions and allows the community to see its role in contributing to reconciliation.
- Provides an opportunity for everyone involved to have a voice and determine actions and outcomes to ensure accountability.

#### **Restorative Justice Contact Information:**

Phone: 780-788-4253Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

• Email: restorative.justice@rmwb.ca

#### Get involved.

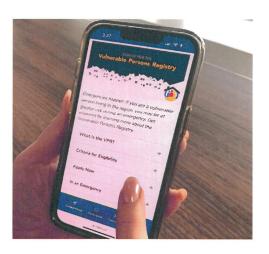
We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.





Emergencies happen. If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk.

Apply to be added to the Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) - a free, voluntary and confidential service for residents living at home who would be at greater risk during emergencies.



To sign up or learn more visit - rmwb.ca/vpr



#### Bring your creative vision to life in the region







The Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant provides up to \$5,000 for projects that create, inspire and preserve within the cultural landscape of the region.

#### Apply early!

Individuals and groups may apply for a maximum of \$5,000. The deadline for grant applications is Dec. 31, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. MST or until the total \$50,000 funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.

Apply early through the Community Investment Program (CIP) Grant Portal as funding is awarded in order of completed applications received.

#### What projects are eligible?

Projects must align with one or more <u>Wood Buffalo Culture Plan</u> priorities. The eligibility list varies and ranges from performing arts to heritage restoration to landscape design.

Projects that have received grant support in previous years include:

- Palette Town, a video showcasing the potential for art in Wood Buffalo.
- Rock the Rails, an annual skateboard and BMX competition that also features local musical acts.
- Lavender Skies: Exploring Queer Creativity in Wood Buffalo, a local art show at the Kirschner Family Community Art Gallery at MacDonald Island Park.

Get started today by visiting rmwb.ca/CIP.



#### 2025 Street Banner Program explores Wheels in Motion

Artists and creatives 12 years of age and older residing in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are invited to showcase their artistic talent in the 2025 Street Banner Program!



Selected designs will receive a **\$600 design fee**, a screened banner and the opportunity to be displayed throughout the region!

All submissions will be showcased at the **Kirschner Family Community Art Gallery at MacDonald Island Park**.

This year's theme, **Wheels in Motion**, invites you to celebrate pathfinding and transportation in the region.

Art paper for Street Banner submission can be pick up at the Municipal Office or by contacting the PULSE line at 780-743-7000

#### Showcasing rural art in rural communities

Rural designs will also be selected for rural communities. Designs must meet guidelines and criteria. Selected rural designs will receive a full-sized banner.

#### Submit your artwork by May 1

Learn more at <a href="mailto:rmwb.ca/banner">rmwb.ca/banner</a>.

#### Subscribe to the artist roster

Join the artist roster to receive emails about upcoming artist calls, programs, events and information sessions at <a href="mailto:rmwb.ca/PublicArt">rmwb.ca/PublicArt</a>.



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# 2025 Canadian Natural Info Session



Canadian Natural appreciates the opportunity to speak with the people of Fort Chipewyan. Please join us for lunch and a conversation about our operations in the region.

Lunch will be served at noon and everyone is welcome.

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Mamawi Community Hall

# **Agenda**

11 a.m. Welcome and introductions

12 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Opening remarks and guest speaker

1 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Door-prize draw

3 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Door-prize draw

3:30 p.m. Closing remarks

Canadian Natural representatives will be available through out the day for discussion and to answer questions





The Northeast Alberta FASD Network enhances regional capacity to prevent FASD and support those impacted by it through coordinated planning, collaboration, education, and service delivery.

- Assessment and diagnosis: Diagnosis is the first step to getting the help that individuals with FASD need.
- Rural outreach: Our Outreach program is designed to assist and support individuals affected by FASD as well as their Families/caregivers. Through a strength-based approach clients are prepared to achieve greater success.

NEAFAN team is available in:

Janvier Multiplex Building - April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

#468: Wellness Centre - April 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th

#468 Health Fair: Mac Island - April 15th

Fort McKay: Family Support Building - April 7th ,14th, 28th

Anzac: Recreation Centre - April 3rd

Fort Chipewyan: Nunee Health Centre - April 10th

Conklin: Multiplex Building - April 17th

\*Please refer to the community Events and programs Calendar for date and time for information or to schedule an intake appointment, please contact:

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Kenisha Boothe

9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB

Phone: 780-799-1748

Email: Kenisha.boothe@mcman.ca

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Alyssa Nicolle

9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB

Phone: 587-919-5237

Email: Alyssa.nicolle@mcman.ca





Wood Buffalo Victim Services provides victims of crime and trauma with support, information and referrals based on their needs. The intent is to ease the crisis and help them return to stability.

#### Why should victims of crime and trauma contact us?

Our support workers are empathetic listeners. They will give you information to help you make decisions that are best for you and your circumstances. Part of our role is to make sure you are treated fairly. You have rights under the *Alberta Victims of Crime Act*.

Please call or email to speak to a support worker. We can arrange to meet in your community.

#### **Community visit dates for March**

- Fort Chipewyan April 3 Court/Restorative Justice
- Fort McKay April 3 and April 22
- Conklin April 7 and April 22 at the CRDAC office and school
- Janvier April 9 and April 23
- Anzac/FMFN 468 April 10 and April 17

**Wood Buffalo Victim Services** 

Phone: 780-788-4250

Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

Email: victim.services@rmwb.ca





A provincial non-profit organization dedicate to building strong, vibrant communities to enable youth on their path to rewarding careers.

#### Successful Learning Circle Event at Mamawi Community Hall

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, approximately 30 youth participated in a day of career exploration with multiple employers showcasing careers in demand and doing hands-on activities. Thanks to the Fort Chipewyan schools and Nations, Alberta Forestry Products/WorkWild, The Connect Group, EMS, International Union of Operating Engineers, Ironworkers 720, Parks Canada, RCMP, RMWB, and Suncor.



#### **ATC Career Fair**

CAREERS will be attending the Athabasca Tribal Council Career Fair on April 8 at the Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre. The event runs April 8 and 9, and is intended to empower Indigenous communities by building connections and offering meaningful employment prospects, fostering regional cultural and economic growth. ATC is excited to announce Carey Price, former NHL goaltender and inspiring youth speaker, as the keynote speaker.



#### **Employers Looking for Summer Staff**

Are you looking to hire a summer student this year? CAREERS is working with local high school students to find summer internships in a variety of fields. We can also provide financial support for hiring. The Youth Internship Incentive Program is designed to increase the number of employers supporting work-integrated learning internships in trades, technologies, and in-demand occupations. This financial incentive supports new employers to offer CAREERS internships, and existing employers to expand their ability to provide more internships, and employers to support more internships.

#### **Outland Youth Employment Program – Applications Open**

A national network of land-based education, training and work opportunities for high school aged Indigenous youth. OYEP is a six-week work experience providing training and education in a supportive space that replicates various work environments. Applications close May 31.

Check out our website: www.careersnextgen.ca

If you are interested in learning more about any of these programs, please contact Ali Grinham, who will be happy to meet with you in person, virtually, or by phone to provide the details on how to apply.

P: 587-442-7628 | E: agrinham@nextgen.org



# INFO AND TAX CLINIC SESSION





# **Financial Benefits** for **Elders & Seniors**

**APRIL 23:** 11 AM - 3 PM **APRIL 24:** 9 AM - 3 PM

Fort Chipewyan Municipal Office

Join St. Aidan's Society, Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada in

#### **FORT CHIPEWYAN**

for a free information session and CVITP tax clinic to help you navigate the financial supports and benefits available to you. Our experienced staff will help you determine your eligibility and provide support to access these benefits.

\*No registration required



## **Did You Know...**

- The majority of eligible older adults 65+ are not receiving the full spectrum of financial supports available to them
- Most available financial supports are not automatically granted to older adults
- Knowing how and when to access available supports saves timely delays in receiving the financial supports you are entitled to

# Improve your financial security and quality of life.

For more information, please contact Lisa Doornbos



lisad@staidanssociety.ca



780-743-4370 Ext. 1













## **COMMUNITY EVENTS...**

Got Junk?? Sell anything you want!



# Sunday, April 6th 1-4pm Mamawi Hall

To Register as a vendor please TEXT name to 780-788-0705 before April 3rd - Only 15 vendors will be accepted!

Hosted by: RMWB & MCFN



# **COMMUNITY EVENTS...**



Join us for a fun night of Karaoke, Friends & Fun! Friday, April 4th @ 7:00PM Mamawi Hall

Sponsored by RMWB & MCFN



# **AQUATIC CENTRE...**

# SENSORY FRIENDLY SWIM

Sensory Friendly Swimming

Fridays 6:00pm -7:00pm

Sundays 3:00pm-4:00pm

For those with sensory challenges and their families

Starting March 2025







### **AQUATIC CENTRE...**

# AQUAFIT WITH JONATHAN

# Starting February

Thursdays 6:00pm Sundays 10:00am Ages 16+







# **YOUTH CENTRE...**





## **AQUATIC CENTRE...**

#### SFAC

#### We Are All About Families and Healthier Families Start Here

# Jonny Flett Aquatic Centre

Admission Category	Drop In	Punch Cards	Monthly Pass
Youth & Teens (under 17 yrs)	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Elders	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Adults	\$2	\$9 (15 swims)	\$16
Family (2 Adults & 3 Youths)	\$5	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Flexible Family*	\$2	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Pay It Forward Swim Passes: Financial Assistance Opportunities**	\$1	\$12 (12 swims)	\$12
Aqua Fit Swim Pass	\$2	\$15 (12 swims)	n/a
Aquatics Training***		,	

<u>Drop In</u>: Enjoy the amenities this beautiful facility has too offer: Zero entry pool, access to tools for those with mobility issues, lazy river, large swim area with a designated swim lane, waterslide, hot tub and dry sauna.

<u>Punch Cards</u>: <u>Do not expire</u>. They have no cash value and are non-refundable or transferable

Monthly Pass: Expires on last day of each month. No cash value and are non-refundable or transferable.

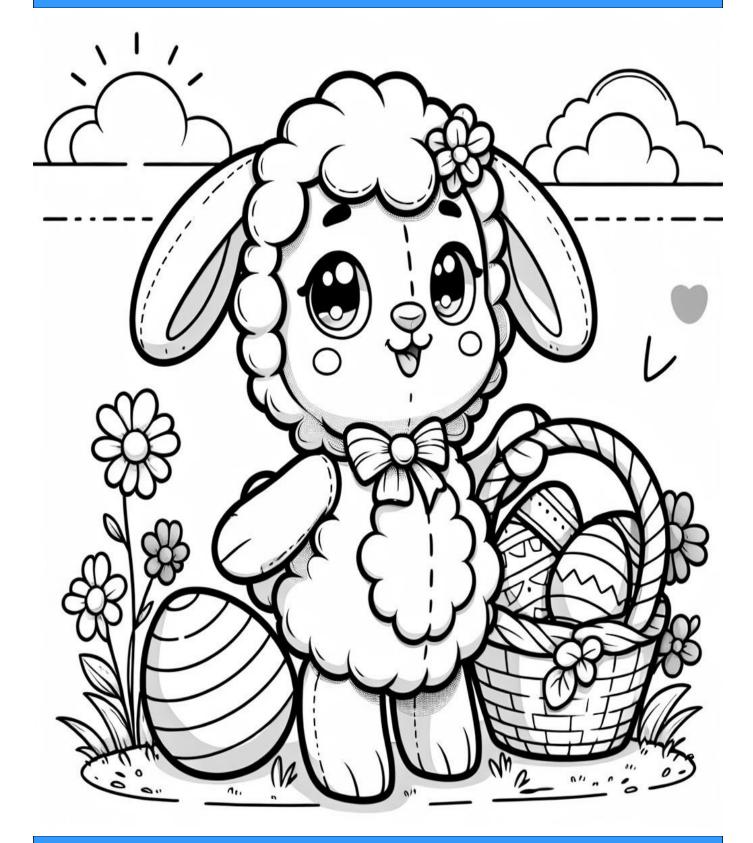
- \*Flexible Family: Many community elders are actively involved with their grandchildren, whether it be acting as a custodial parent or living in a multi-generational household. This admission category was made specially in mind for elder's special circumstances and fixed budgets.
- \*\*Financial Assistance Opportunities: Part of our mission is to keep this facility accessible to everyone in our community no one should be denied access due to financial hardships. This is made possible through community donations and single or bulk purchases of Pay It Forward Swim Passes that are provided those who need a helping hand.
- \*\*\*Aquatics Training: Aquatics training is offered <a href="free of charge">free of charge</a> courtesy of Syncrude. Please come to our facility and we will provide you with a registration form and training schedule.

Public Swim			
Wednesday - Friday	1:00pm - 8:00pm		
Saturday	1:00pm - 8:00pm		
Sunday	9:00am – 4:00pm		
Swimming Lessons			
Saturday	More info to come		
School Lessons	More info to come		
Aqua Fit			
Wednesday & Friday	More info to come		
Aquatic Training			
Wednesday - Saturday	7:00pm – 8:00pm		
CLOSED	Monday & Tuesday		





# **COLOURING FUN...**





# WORD SEARCH FUN...



www.CuteColoringPagesForKids.com



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# **APRIL 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Community Karaoke @ Hall 7PM	5
6 Spring Flea Market @ Hall 1PM	7	8	9	10	11	12 Community Family Skate & BBQ @ Arena
13	14	15	16 RCMP Community Meeting	17 Nunee Tea Dance @ Hall	18 Good Friday	19 Community Easter Event 1PM
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday	22	23	24	25 Throwback Movie Night @ Hall	26
27	28 ADCS Stu- dent Art Workshop @ Hall	29	30 CNRL Open House @ Hall			

HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...
E-mail: Tamera.Ellingson@rmwb.ca